

OUR TOWN

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PRICE FIVE CENTS

Just for the Record

Narberth lost two of its most popular citizens recently when Mr. and Mrs. Joseph P. White moved to Cynwyd. They made the move after selling their home at 113 Essex Ave., where they had lived for many years. Before moving to Cynwyd, the couple were occupying quarters over the J. Paul Shea Drug Store.

Mr. White, a committeeman in the First District of the Borough, will resign his position. At one time, many years ago, he operated White's Sweet Shop and Bakery where Durbin and Howard were formerly located. A resident of the Borough for the past 25 years, he also formerly owned the Post Office Building, the garage next door to it, and the J. Paul Shea store.

Coming Fall, comes the hunting season, and we just heard a report of the first buck bagged by a Boroughtite.

Henry A. Frye, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. H. A. Frye, of 115 Wynnedale Rd. (he's the Boroughtite), brought down a 10-point buck on Monday at noon. The time element is worthy of note, because two years ago Hank got his first buck, an eight-pointer, at 7:30 in the morning.

A junior at Bucknell, taking a political science course, Henry, Jr., does his hunting at Sinnamahoning, in Cameron County.

Speaking of hunting, we understand that one of the Borough's finest is taking a week of his vacation and has also gone upstate hunting. However, "Boots" Peters hasn't reported on his luck. Another hunter who hasn't said much about his shooting success at hunting is "Gyp" Gillespie.

Memo to those who, while standing on the sidelines, wish they were firemen: Two Narberth brothers, Elmer and Ernie Jenkins, members of the Borough volunteer fire department, were both injured recently while fighting fires in Narberth.

Elmer was treated at Bryn Mawr Hospital for a broken elbow received while fighting a fire Monday, and Ernie was treated for a severely cut foot received during a fire earlier this month.

So you see, being a fireman isn't always just a ride on the fire truck.

Rev. J. D. Shallow Is Named Chaplain in Texas
Rev. Joseph D. Shallow, of St. Margaret's Parish, Narberth, left recently for Sheppard Air Force Base, Wichita Falls, Tex., where he has been assigned assistant Catholic chaplain. He had been at St. Margaret's a little over a year. Recalled from civilian parish life, Father Shallow was a member of the First Air Force during World War II. A priest for the Philadelphia Archdiocese for eight years, he was ordained in 1938. As a chaplain at the Texas base, he holds the rank of Captain.

Error Found in Bond Issue Vote
New Tally Reverses Count; Bond Supported
A recount of ballots of North Ardmore No. 2 district on the Lower Merion Township school bond issue has shown a complete reversal of the previously quoted figures.

The new district tally sets the vote at 895 yes and 319 no supporting the contention of Republican committeemen and women from the district that a clerical error had twisted the results of the loan vote. The previous count had been set at yes 394, no 820.

The petition to reopen the ballot box in order to "right the count" was filed by A. Reginald Waterall, William B. Walker and Mary A. Jeffers, Republican workers in the district. The \$50 put up by them to have the box reopened was returned because "substantial error" was shown.

The new count shows that the \$2,950,000 bond issue was carried by a substantial majority in every district of Lower Merion Township.

Looking Back in Our Town

Thirty Years Ago This Week:
A goal of \$100,000 was set for the Borough in its fourth Liberty Loan Drive.

Members of the Narberth Guard drilled every Thursday evening at the Borough Fire House.

Our Town published a list of unclaimed letters at the Borough Post Office, six in all.

Twenty Years Ago This Week:
Lower Merion met Radnor for another gridiron classic with the game ending in a 0-0 tie.

The Post Office announced the Christmas mailing dates for the sending of packages to different parts of the country.

University of Pennsylvania authorities considered a plan to move the University out of the city to Valley Forge.

Ten Years Ago in Our Town:
Ralph S. Dunne was re-elected President of the Borough Council.

A religious census of the Borough showed that 78 percent of the Narberth residents attended church regularly.

Name Captains For Narberth Chest Campaign

Borough Workers Turn In 40% of Quota

Narberth's Community Chest workers, although off to a late start, have turned in over 40 percent of their quota. The division leaders, this week, urged that all Borough residents who have not yet been contacted by a representative, get in touch with one of their division captains to make their contribution.

The Borough captains are:
Division 1—C. H. Nold, chairman; Miss Betty Schellenberger, Mrs. Eugene Ogden, Miss Jean Havlick, Miss Christine Mahl, Frank J. Dwyer, Mrs. William F. Helzer.

Division 2—Ben Smith, chairman; Mrs. G. O. Fletcher, Mrs. N. D. Nordblom, Mr. and Mrs. Fred M. Robb, Jr., Mr. and Mrs. T. Noel Butler, Miss Evelyn Fleck and Mrs. Isabel Pittenger.

Division 3—H. Dudley Kellogg, chairman; Mrs. Paul Loos, Mrs. Roland Fleer, Mrs. William D. Galoway, Jr., Mrs. Anthony DiLuisi, Mrs. William P. Schenck, Miss Dolores Boldi, William K. Ovale, Miss Jacqueline McVey.

Division 4—John F. Brennan, chairman; Mrs. Alice Purse, Mrs. James Quinn, Mrs. John H. S. Barr, Mrs. Kathleen Mitchell and Mrs. Kenneth Graham.

Narberth Doctor Is Honored

Dr. W. A. Feirer Is Listed in Biography

A Narberth resident has been honored with the inclusion of his biography in "World Biography," the largest international biographical reference book, just published. Dr. William Anthony Feirer, of 918 Bryn Mawr Ave., Penn Valley, a bacteriologist, is one of 40,000 men and women distinguished in various fields of endeavor whose biographies have been included in the edition.

Dr. Feirer, a graduate of Johns Hopkins, was a member of the faculty staff there for 12 years. He is at present Executive Vice-president and General Manager of Sharp & Dohme. He has lived in Penn Valley for eight years.

William S. Deaves, 60, Succumbs in Narberth

Services for William S. Deaves, who died suddenly at his home, 319 Conway Ave., Narberth, on Friday, November 19, were held last Tuesday at the Frankfort and Chadwick Funeral Home, Ardmore. Interment was in St. Paul's Cemetery, Ardmore. He was 60.

A Narberth resident since 1921, Mr. Deaves was a member of the Narberth Methodist Church. Surviving are his wife, Helen W.; two sons, Wayne, of Oreland, Pa., and Donald, of Narberth, and one grandson.

League Safety Meeting Attended By 250 Tuesday
Sgt. Jos. Mawhinney Lauds Training School For Drivers
More than 250 parents and their teen-age children, concerned about the rising number of automobile accidents and fatalities in Lower Merion Township, attended a safety meeting, Tuesday evening, sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Lower Merion Township as part of its crusade for safe driving.

The program, which was conducted by Dr. Katherine Elsom, of Penn Valley, was opened with a talk by C. C. Bearcraft, of Pottstown, chairman of the Montgomery County Safety Council. Guest speakers included Sgt. Joseph Mawhinney, head of traffic safety of the Lower Merion Police Department, and George Lowe, director of Traffic Safety Education for the Atlantic Refining Company.

Sgt. Mawhinney said that 52 persons had been killed in auto accidents in Lower Merion in the past nine years. He warned parents not to refuse their sons and daughters permission to secure a driver's license because, "they will drive anyway, without having a license."

He strongly recommended the driver training programs which are part of the curriculum of many schools and which will be held for a two weeks' period in the spring at Lower Merion High School. He listed numerous violations of the motor vehicle code, stressing the fact that the police department wants to be notified of any such violations. It is your duty as a citizen, he said, to let us know.

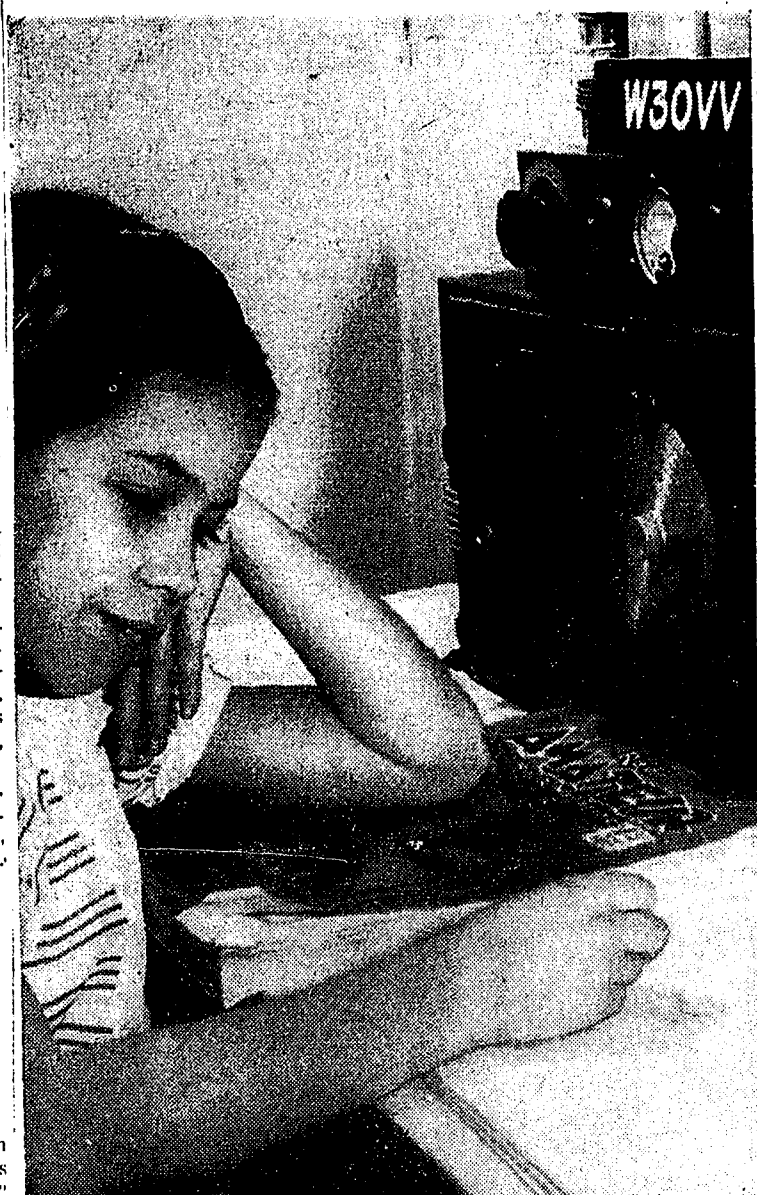
George Lowe, in a brief, talk, called safety a "social problem, one that concerns all of us." He placed high on the list of safety requirements courtesy to other drivers and pedestrians.

A question and answer period followed.

Miss Curry Wins Hockey Numerals at Wilson

Miss Constance Curry, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George Benson Curry, of 2911 Rising Sun Rd., Ardmore, has been honored by the Athletic Association at Wilson College, Chambersburg, Pa., for "proficiency and sportsmanship during the hockey season."

Miss Curry, who is a freshman at the college, was one of 11 to be named to the hockey team and receive her numerals.



Youngest Radio "Ham"

Ten-year-old Jane Bieberman, of 21 Dartmouth Rd., Cynwyd, who is believed to be the world's youngest licensed amateur radio operator, is shown jotting down an entry in her log. Jane, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jesse Bieberman, both school teachers, started out in the radio world at the age of six when her father, a radio enthusiast, got her interested in his hobby. She obtained her license in August and is currently engaged in making contacts with every state in the Union. She is a fifth grade student at Cynwyd School.

Mail Xmas Cards Narberth Early PO Advises School Notes

December 10 Deadline For Out-of-State Mail

Narberth Postmaster, Joseph L. Kelley, this week appealed to Narberth residents to plan to mail all Christmas greeting cards and gift packages "just as early in December as possible."

An even heavier flood of Yuletide mail is expected this Christmas than during the record-breaking 1947 holiday season, when Narberth Post Office cancelled 250,626 pieces of mail.

All packages and Christmas cards for out-of-State delivery should be mailed before December 10 and cards for local addresses should be mailed at least a week before December 25.

Kelley pointed out that parcel post packages cannot be accepted unless stoutly wrapped and advised shoppers to lay in supplies of heavy cardboard, sturdy outer paper, heavy cord and printed Fourth-Class labels. Packages are limited to 70 pounds in weight, and must not measure more than 100 inches in length and girth combined. The address should be repeated inside the outer wrappings.

Yule Party Planned by Club Group

The Membership Committee of the Women's Community Club of Narberth will hold its annual Christmas party tomorrow afternoon at the home of Mrs. W. C. Seifert, of 518 Penn Valley Rd., Penn Valley.

A dessert luncheon, followed by a community carol singing with Mrs. Seifert at the electric organ, has been planned. Mrs. Ellsworth Clark, Club President, will be the honored guest of the afternoon.

Chairman of the committee planning the party is Mrs. W. C. Seifert, assisted by Mrs. P. I. Sullivan, Mrs. R. R. Dickie, Mrs. W. R. Parvin, Mrs. W. R. Knauer, Mrs. H. R. Hopkins, Mrs. C. C. McKibbin, Mrs. E. M. Parran and Mrs. Titus Strawhecker.

The first stated meeting of the month of December will be held Tuesday afternoon at 2 P. M. at the community building. Mrs. F. Gilman Spencer will speak on "A Woman's Best Years" and vocal selections will be provided by Mrs. James H. Pacher, soprano, accompanied by Mrs. James Webster.

The tea hostesses will be Mrs. W. C. Seifert, Mrs. Fred Butler and Mrs. E. C. Griswold.

Library to Close For Floor Repair

The Narberth Library will be closed three days next week for floor repairs.

The present floor will be replaced with an entirely new tile floor, and the library will be closed Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday.

Workmen will start to rip up the old floor Sunday. The work will be paid for through funds appropriated from the Borough budget.

Narberth School Notes

Last Friday, November 19, the Library Club presented in assembly four book reports given by members of the club. They also presented a number of short acts, describing books. The audience, a complete set of "luggage," packed for a trip she and her husband were taking, were taken the night before their planned departure.

Objects on view ranged from two tiny Dresden china dancing dolls, less than one inch in height, to a huge yellow china piggy bank containing \$90, which the thief used as a door stop.

Also on view were delicate glass and china sets, much silverware, including a chest of sterling silver, a leopard coat, a sable scarf and a quantity of sports shirts and suits. Keyrings, wrist watches, wallets and lamps waited to be claimed.

But the biggest problem, to detectives, was the tin container of small change, from which owners were invited to select the nickels, dimes and pennies which had been stolen from them.

ROTARY TO SEE FILM

A film on the Bikini Atom Bomb Test will be shown at the weekly meeting Tuesday of the Ardmore Rotary Club. Chairman of the meeting, which will be held at the Viking Inn, Ardmore, will be Samuel Grant.

RE-ELECTED TO POST

O. Henry Hoffman, Jr., of the Sevilla Court Apartments, Bala-Cynwyd, was re-elected General Manager of the Inter-State Milk Producers' Co-operative, a post he has held for ten years, at the annual convention held last week in Philadelphia.

Both third grades visited the Felt Planetarium and saw the show for children on "The Seasonal Stars."

The fourth grade visited the University Museum in Philadelphia to learn about Woodland Indians. They saw tools and weapons of Indians and how they lived and worked in their own environment.

A pep show was given on the Indian life, also a panorama on the complete life of the Indian, his days on his mother's back as a papoose, his boyhood and his manhood.

Other trips will be made by these and other grades in the Narberth Public School throughout the rest of the school year.

Narberth Notes

William D. Perkins, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leon Perkins, of 102 Chestnut Ave., Narberth, has been chosen a member of the Spofford Club at Bates College, Lewistown, Me. A senior at Bates, Perkins is a Navy veteran and editor of the Gurnet, a student literary publication.

Karl G. Reed and Robert H. Reed, of 401 Anthony Rd., Narberth, members of the Alpha Mu Chapter of the Chi Psi Fraternity at Middlebury College, Middlebury, Vt., are members of a fraternity committee planning a celebration commemorating the 100th anniversary of the founding of the chapter.

Mrs. Eberhardt Mueller, of 208 Essex Ave., is spending the winter in Hollywood, Fla.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Nordblom, formerly of 303 Conway Ave., Narberth, moved into their new home at 201 Poplar Ave., Wayne, last Thursday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Campbell, of 423 Gilpin Rd., Penn Valley, are receiving congratulations upon the birth of a daughter, November 27, in Bryn Mawr Hospital.

Sunday Burglar Nabbed by Two LM Patrolmen

Capture Brings Successful End to Six-Weeks-Long Vigil by Township Cops

More than 100 burglaries ranging over two years and two counties seemed close to solution this week after two Lower Merion Township patrolmen nabbed the so-called "Sunday Night Burglar" about 6:30 P. M., Sunday.

The arrest was made by Philip Minnis and Emil "Soapy" Piquet, as Joseph Corvi, 31, of 54th St., near Baltimore Ave., Philadelphia, left the house of Maurice Binder, 290 Bowman Ave., Merion. All patrolmen on the 8 A. M. to 4 P. M. shift had changed into plain clothes and were stationed throughout the township as they had been for the past six weeks, in an effort to trap the elusive burglar.

Minnis and Piquet saw Corvi walk to the house, ring the doorbell and then return to his car, parked out front, and drive around the corner into Linden Lane. They called for reinforcements and were joined by other policemen. As Corvi left the house they closed in, and the robber threw a crowbar at Detective Ed Gorham in an effort to escape.

After two days of questioning Corvi, a handsome, dark-haired construction worker, was held without bail Tuesday for a further hearing on December 7, by Magistrate Edward S. Murray, Jr.

Detective Captain William G. Shaffer testified at the hearing that further questioning "should lead to the solution of other cases, not only in Lower Merion, but in Haverford Township, Upper Darby Township and other nearby sections."

The suspect was charged with burglary, larceny and receiving stolen goods. Police said he is married and the father of a four-year-old child. His salary as a rigger, he claimed, was \$90 a week. Unofficial estimates of his total loot was in excess of \$100,000.

On Wednesday night police placed on view in the Township Building articles they recovered from Corvi's apartment. Victims were permitted to take them, but police declared "much of the loot will never be recovered." Particularly disappointed was a Drexel Hill matron whose mink coat and then guessed what the books were from the skit. It took a lot of preparation, but all in all, it was a very interesting program.

Plans are being made for the Press Club's Christmas Dance. It will be held Thursday, December 16. The dance will be for the sixth, seventh and eighth grades.

The art classes, under the direction of Miss M. Gasner, have begun to make designs for the windows at Christmas time.

Many people have been asking when basketball practice will begin. Due to the play rehearsals and other activities we think basketball will begin after Christmas.

Kathryn Nelson

The 2-1 section of Narberth School made journeys to three places of interest in Narberth, where forest fires and how fires are fought were explained to them. Another of the places was the Narberth Bank. There they inspected the vault. The third place was the Post Office.

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Al Ciarrochi receives trophy from Ralph Miller at football star dinner.

Red Arrow Asks PUC Permission For Rate Bost

Transportation Company Executive Explains Reasons for Increase

With its average basic fares 13 percent lower now than they were 20 years ago, the Philadelphia Suburban Transportation Company has been compelled by skyrocketing material costs and steadily rising wages to appeal to the Public Utility Commission for relief, Merritt H. Taylor, president of the company, announced this week.

"It will be impossible, without some kind of an adjustment in our rate structure," he explained, "to finance additional future improvements to our service and meet our obligations in connection with improvements already made and, at the same time, provide the agreed-to-cost-of-living increase to our employees."

"To partially compensate for the increase in wages and for other items which go into rendering our service, we are filing tariffs providing for a ten cent cash fare in each zone and—except for children—the discontinuance of discount tickets, including interchanges with Philadelphia & Western."

Otto H. W. Voigt Succumbs in Narberth

Services for Otto H. W. Voigt, who died Monday at his home, 916 Montgomery Ave., Narberth, were held this morning in All Saints' Church, Wynnewood. Burial was in Arlington Cemetery. He was 65.

A resident of Narberth for 33 years, Mr. Voigt was a designer of men's clothes. He is survived by his wife, Emily B., and five children: Mrs. Ethel Barrett, Mrs. Jane V. Pardo, Cyril, John H. and Hugo Voigt.

Garden Club Members Meet Today in Cynwyd

An illustrated lecture on the making of Christmas decorations was presented by Miss Anne B. Wertsner, Field Secretary of the Pennsylvania Horticultural Society, at a meeting of the Bala-Cynwyd Garden Club this morning.

As part of its Christmas program the club will distribute gifts donated by members at the meeting to shut-ins in this area.

Narberth Courtmen Take Lead In Main Line League Marathon

By HARRY ELLSWORTH

Both of these games are slated for Wednesday.

A single game, pitting Wayne against Jenkintown at Radnor High, concludes the week's activities. Thursday night, with St. Adams and Sid Collin in the Wayne lineup, the Italian-Americans offer a dangerous scoring duo.

Faced by George Hauptfuhrer's 20 points, Narberth rolled to a 55-27 win over Cheltenham at The Arena Thursday, and made it three in a row by running Coatesville into the floor Monday night, 81-53.

Hauptfuhrer, former Penn Charter and Harvard ace, again led the Boroughtites with 17 points, while Al Asper tallied 15. Agassizville, Narberth held a 32-23 halftime lead, but slipped for 30 points and a 60-39 third-quarter bulge and Wayne, which extended Narberth to extra periods in their last meeting, visits the Boroughtites at Bala-Cynwyd Junior High.

Coatesville, defending champion of the league, makes its first appearance at Lower Merion on Wednesday night. Despite the loss of Don Markward, who is playing professional ball at Reading, the steelers are tough and hope to regain the form that led them to the title.

Big hawk, Furor, player-coach Joe Proksa and the set-shooting Mike Mal Simpson, feature the attack that will run against Don Evans, Harry DeSota and Co.

Norristown travels to Dell Avenue School gym, Yeaton, to play the Eagles, and Cheltenham meets Narberth in a return game prior to the Warbler game at the Arena. Right behind pacesetting Narberth.

3 Honored As Gridiron Heroes

By M. L. Jaycees

Receive Bronze Trophies At Football Banquet In Ardmore

Three Main Line high school football stars chosen by public ballot as the outstanding players of the 1948 season were honored Tuesday evening at the second annual Football Banquet of the Main Line Junior Chamber of Commerce.

Robert Pollard, a senior at Tredyffrin-Easttown Joint High School, led the list of gridiron heroes with a plurality of more than 100 votes. Chosen as outstanding athlete in the junior high schools of the area was Al Ciarrochi, a ninth grade student at Ardmore Junior High School. Ciarrochi, who lives at 69 Greenfield Ave., Ardmore, plays right fullback on the team and has been a member of the varsity for two years.

John Tompkins, a senior and captain of the football team at Episcopal Academy, Merion, was chosen as the outstanding player in the Interacademic League, an organization of four private schools in this area. Tompkins, who plays halfback on the team, lives at 415 Montgomery Ave., Wynnewood.

Each received a bronze trophy, an eight inch figure of a football player in the kickoff position, presented by the Junior Chamber of Commerce. In addition Pollard, as the grand winner, was awarded a larger trophy to be inscribed with his name and placed in the trophy case of Tredyffrin-Easttown High School for a period of one year. The same trophy will be awarded and inscribed with the name of the 1949 winner at next year's banquet.

Acting as master of ceremonies at the banquet which was held at the Wynnewood Inn, Haverford, were Wynnewood Rds., Ardmore, was Fred P. Ristine, Jr., chairman of the banquet committee.

The presentations of the trophies were made to each boy by his own football coach: Ernest H. Meyer, of Tredyffrin-Easttown; Ralph Miller, of Ardmore Junior High School; and John Orsi, coach at Episcopal Academy.

The winners were chosen by a poll conducted in the local newspapers.

Highlighting the program was a talk by Jordan Oliver, head football coach at Villanova College. Movies of football games taken during the recent season were also shown.

Members of the Main Line Junior Chamber of Commerce banquet committee in addition to the acting chairman included William T. Bradley, III, of Merion; Lawrence V. Drury and William Drury, of Wynnewood, and Blair Albrecht, of Ardmore.

Competing schools were Lower Merion Senior High, Radnor Senior and Junior High, Tredyffrin-Easttown Senior and Junior High, Haverford Township Senior and Junior High, Ardmore Junior High, Bala-Cynwyd Junior High and the four member schools of the Interacademic League, Valley Forge Military Academy, Haverford Preparatory School, Episcopal Academy and Friends Central.

New Offices Opened In Narberth by Doctor
New surgical chiropody offices were opened in Narberth last week by Dr. Samuel Werlinsky, at 913 Montgomery Ave.

Dr. Werlinsky, a chiropodist in Philadelphia for the past 12 years, is a member of the staff of the Temple University School of Chiropody. He will specialize in surgical chiropody and foot orthopedics.

Brookline Boy, 5, Struck by Auto

Hurt While Crossing to Wynnewood Rd. School

A five-year-old Brookline youngster was seriously injured Tuesday morning when he darted into the path of an automobile in front of the Wynnewood Road School a few seconds after his father had warned him to be careful while crossing the street.

Henry A. Drumm, of 563 Mill Rd., Brookline, a Lower Merion High School teacher, had parked on Artygale Rd., near Wynnewood Rd., Wynnewood, to deliver the boy, Tadd A., a kindergarten student at the school.

He cautioned his son to be careful crossing the street, Lower Merion police said, and then watched the boy look both ways and run in front of a west-bound automobile driven by John H. Stormfetz, 49, of 231 Crosshill Rd., Penn Wynne.

Drumm picked up his son and was driven to Bryn Mawr Hospital by Stormfetz, a construction engineer for the State Highway Department.

The youngster was admitted to the hospital with a fracture of the left leg and possible internal injuries. His condition is described as fair.

YULE PARTY PLANNED
Plans for a Christmas party December 21 were formulated at a meeting of the Executive Board of the Junior Women's Club of Ardmore held Tuesday at the home of Miss Rosemary Barber, vice-president. On December 7 the club will hold its regular monthly meeting.

J. A. R. BOARD TO MEET
The Executive Board of the Dr. Benjamin Rush Chapter of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution will meet Monday afternoon, at 1:30, at the home of Mrs. John L. Hanna, of the George Apts., Ardmore. Mrs. Harry Ellsworth, of Merion, Regent, will preside.

Proposed Phone Rate Boost Delayed
The proposed \$25,000,000 a year increase in rates by the Bell Telephone Company was suspended for six months this week by the Public Utility Commission.

The commissioners voted unanimously in favor of the delay, and also voted in favor of an investigation to determine the "fairness and reasonableness" of the increase and to decide if the new rates are "discriminatory in any of their features."

WILLIAM R. MOORE
William R. Moore, of 546 S. Bowman Ave., Merion, died Monday, November 22, at Bryn Mawr Hospital, where he had been a patient since October 6. He was 81.

Services were held Wednesday at the Greenwood Cemetery, N. Y., where he was buried.

He is survived by three sons, Warner, of Merion; William, Jr., of New York, and Walter, of Washington, D. C., and by three grandchildren.

